



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

5/6/2025 - 5/12/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5/6/2025

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#### **CITY COUNCIL MOVES COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE FY26 CITY BUDGET TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ITEM -11A COMMUNICATIONS FROM ERIC. D. BATISTA, CITY MANAGER,  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) OPERATING  
BUDGET**



CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2026. CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA RAN THROUGH A PRESENTATION OF THE NEARLY \$948 MILLION BUDGET WHICH SHOWS AN INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR. THE CITY COUNCIL MOVED THE BUDGET TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE HOST A SERIES OF MEETINGS OVER THE COMING WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE CITY BUDGET.

#### **CITY COUNCIL REFERS PLANNING BOARD REPORT ON ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO RAISE CHICKENS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**ITEM - 12B REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD UPON A PETITION TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO  
RAISE CHICKENS FOR THE SOLE PUPOSE OF LAYING EGGS**

CITY COUNCIL HEARD A REPORT BY THE PLANNING BOARD REGARDING A RESIDENT'S PETITION THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PRACTICE OF RAISING EGG-LAYING CHICKENS IN THE CITY. OF WORCESTER. THE PETITIONER WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK ON THE PETITION AND A COUPLE OTHER COUNCILORS SPOKE ON THE MATTER. THE CITY COUNCIL REFERED THE PETITION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER ACTION.





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## WEEKLY SUMMARY Standing Committee Meetings

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MET ON WEDNESDAY, 5/6/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **KATHLEEN TOOMEY** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 5/13**
  - @ 5:00 P.M. - **STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**
    - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
    - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA!](#)
    - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
      - CITY COUNCIL ZOOM PHONE #: 1 646 828 7666
      - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 363 1913
  - @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
    - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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- **WEDNESDAY, 5/14**
  - @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
    - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER
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      - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 411 9888
  - @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
    - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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REMEMBER,  
YOU CAN  
*ALWAYS*  
LOOK BACK  
TO REVIEW  
OUR  
*PREVIOUS*  
ISSUES!







## Events in the Community

### RECOGNIZING WORKING FOR WORCESTER - 5/13



AT THE MAY 6 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL PROUDLY RECOGNIZED MEMBERS OF WORKING FOR WORCESTER (W4W) WITH CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT. THIS HONOR CELEBRATED THE GROUP'S HANDS-ON EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM PUBLIC SPACES AND STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY. YEAR AFTER YEAR, FOR 13 YEARS, W4W BRINGS TOGETHER VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD, REPAIR, AND REIMAGINE PARKS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY AREAS. THE MAYOR AND COUNCILORS PRAISED THE GROUP NOT ONLY FOR THE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS THEY MAKE, BUT FOR THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND CARE THEY BRING TO WORCESTER. W4W REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED THE RECOGNITION WITH GRATITUDE, JOINED BY A CHAMBER FULL OF APPLAUSE. THEIR WORK CONTINUES TO SHOW WHAT'S POSSIBLE WHEN YOUNG LEADERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES UNITE FOR A SHARED PURPOSE.

### COUNCILOR KING MEETING WITH CH.E.E.R.S - 5/8



COUNCILOR KHRYSYTIAN E. KING MET WITH ECHO LOUISSAINT, FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.H.E.E.R.S., TO DISCUSS HOW THE CITY COULD ASSIST THE ORGANIZATION IN FINDING A COMMUNITY KITCHEN SPACE. C.H.E.E.R.S. PREPARES HEALTHY MEALS FOR UNDERSERVED AND UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS WHILE EMPOWERING BIPOC, LOW-INCOME, AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH THROUGH MENTORSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. ECHO HIGHLIGHTED THE PROGRAM'S INITIATIVES, INCLUDING GIRLS' MENTORSHIP, SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING, AND CULTURAL MEAL PREP. THEY EXPLORED POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND CITY RESOURCES THAT COULD SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S CONTINUED IMPACT. THE MEETING REINFORCED COUNCILOR KING'S DEDICATION TO UPLIFTING GRASSROOTS EFFORTS THAT ADVANCE EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY ACROSS WORCESTER.



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - MAY 12 -**

- **LAKE AVENUE APARTMENTS COMMUNITY MEETING (WHA)**
  - TIME: 1:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: 111 LAKE AVENUE
- **MURRAY/WELLINGTON APARTMENTS COMMUNITY MEETING**
  - TIME: 2:30 P.M.
  - WHERE: 50 MURRAY AVENUE/30 WELLINGTON STREET
- **ELM PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 10 IRVING STREET
- **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT STREET

- **WEDNESDAY - MAY 14 -**

- **SAXON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
  - WHERE: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
- **NEWTON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
  - WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 551 PLEASANT STREET
- **LAKE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: LAKE VIEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. 115 COBURN AVENUE

- **THURSDAY - MAY 15 -**

- **MILL STREET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET

- **MONDAY - MAY 19 -**

- **LAFAYETTE STREET COMMUNITY MEETING (WHA)**
  - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
  - WHERE: 2 LAFAYETTE STREET





### City of Worcester Spring Street Sweeping Has Begun!



The City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks began residential street sweeping, Monday, April 7, 2025 in the section of the city that has trash/recycling collected on Tuesday, then progressed to the Friday, Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday trash collection areas. Signs have been posted in neighborhoods in advance of sweeping and will remain in place until the street has been swept.

Arterial streets are swept 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday. Residential streets are swept 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Parking Bans will be in effect during street sweepings. Vehicles that interfere with street sweeping will be tagged and may be towed. There is a \$50 fine for cars that are not removed for the street sweeping.

**REMINDER:** Street Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches, or yard waste. Residents are advised to bring these items to one of the municipality's yard waste drop-off sites. Violators are subject to fines. Residents and business owners can assist with cleanups by sweeping sidewalk sand and debris into the gutter before street sweepers come to the area. It is also greatly appreciated if residents can sweep in front of walkways, vacant lots, and medians.

Residential street sweeping will take approximately **six to eight weeks to complete**. [Area mapping with anticipated upcoming dates for street sweeping can be found on the municipal website.](#)

The Spring Street Sweeping schedule is subject to change. [Worcester 311](#) will regularly post routes on social media. Residents can also sign up to receive updates from [ALERTWorcester](#) to receive critical community notifications.

NOTICE: BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, DPW&P  
WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN  
ROUTE 43 SHOWN IN THE GREEN SHADED AREAS ON  
THE MAP BELOW

**[Click here for full street  
cleaning information!](#)**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

# YOUR City Councilors

WORCESTER'S CITY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR & COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, JOSEPH M. PETTY. THESE ELEVEN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVE AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THEIR CITY AND COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE SIX COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE AND FIVE COUNCILORS THAT EACH REPRESENT A SPECIFIC DISTRICT IN WORCESTER (DISTRICTS 1-5).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHO YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILOR IS, [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT!](#)

### AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILORS



**MAYOR**  
JOSEPH M. PETTY



**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
KHRYSTIAN E. KING



MORRIS A.  
BERGMAN



THU  
NGUYEN



KATHLEEN M.  
TOOMEY



DONNA M.  
COLORIO

### DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



**DISTRICT 1**  
JENNY PACILLO



**DISTRICT 2**  
CANDY MERO-CARLSON



**DISTRICT 3**  
GEORGE J. RUSSELL



**DISTRICT 4**  
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



**DISTRICT 5**  
ETEL HAXHIAJ





**WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING SCHEDULE – 2025**

**January**

January 7 – Joint Agenda  
January 14 – City Council Agenda  
January 21 – City Manager Agenda  
January 28 – City Council Agenda – Finance

**February**

February 4 – City Manager Agenda  
February 11 – City Council Agenda  
February 18 – No Meeting – School Break  
February 25 – Joint Agenda – Finance

**March**

March 4 – City Manager Agenda / Econ. Dev.  
March 11 – City Council Agenda  
March 18 – City Manager Agenda  
March 25 – City Council Agenda – Finance

**April**

April 1 – City Manager Agenda  
April 8 – City Council Agenda  
April 15 – City Manager Agenda  
April 22 – No Meeting – School Break  
April 29 – Joint Agenda – Finance

**May**

May 6 – City Council Agenda  
May 13 – City Manager Agenda  
May 20 – No Meeting – Budget Hearings  
May 27 – No Meeting – Budget Hearings

**June**

June 3 – No Meeting – Shavuot  
June 10 – Joint Agenda  
June 17 – City Council Agenda  
June 24 – City Manager Evaluation

**July**

July 1 – No Meeting  
July 8 – No Meeting  
July 15 – Joint Agenda  
July 22 – No Meeting  
July 29 – No Meeting

**August**

August 5 – No Meeting  
August 12 – No Meeting  
August 19 – Joint Agenda  
August 26 – No Meeting

**September**

September 2 – No Meeting – Mun. Prelim.  
September 9 – Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.  
September 16 – City Manager Agenda  
September 23 – No Meeting – Rosh Hashanah  
September 30 – Joint Agenda – Finance

**October**

October 7 – No Meeting – Sukkot  
October 14 – No Meeting –  
Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah  
October 21 – Joint Agenda – Finance  
October 28 – No Meeting – Early Voting

**November**

November 4 – No Meeting – Mun. Election  
November 11 – Joint Agenda  
November 18 – City Council Agenda – Fin.  
November 25 – City Manager Agenda

**December**

December 2 – No Meeting – Holiday  
December 9 – Joint Agenda  
December 16 – City Council Agenda – Fin.  
December 23 – City Manager Agenda  
December 30 – No Meeting – School Break

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of City Hall, 455 Main Street. The only exceptions are in the months of July and August, when meetings convene at 6:00 p.m.